

REMARKS

[0008] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 20-33, 35, 37 and 38 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 25, 33, 35, 37, and 38. No Claims are withdrawn or cancelled herein. No new claims are added herein.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0009] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims and there only issues that remain are minor or formal matters, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can discuss this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0010] Please contact me to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for me, I welcome your call as well. My contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Allowable Subject Matter

[0011] Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 20-32. These claims have not been amended herein, and therefore remain allowable.

Claim Amendments

[0012] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 25, 33, 35, 37 and 38 herein. Applicant amends claims to clarify claimed features. Such amendments are made to expedite prosecution and more quickly identify allowable subject matter. Such amendments are merely intended to clarify the claimed features, and should not be construed as further limiting the claimed invention.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under § 101

[0013] Claims 33, 35, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant herein submits that the claims of the instant Application are to be construed—now and in the future—to be limited to subject matter deemed patentable in accordance with United States Federal statutes, namely section 101 of Title 35 U.S.C., and as interpreted by appropriate and authoritative Article III entities. In light of this disclaimer, Applicant asserts that these claims are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0014] If the Examiner maintains the rejection of these claims, then Applicant requests additional guidance as to what is necessary to overcome the rejection.

Overview of the Application

[0015] The Application describes a technology for the reverse playback of compressed data, such as compressed video and audio data.

Dependent Claims

[0016] In addition to its own merits, each dependent claim is allowable for the same reasons that its base claim is allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each dependent claim where its base claim is allowable.

Conclusion

[0017] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact us before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call or email me at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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